

"It is a national disgrace that the university authorities have indefinitely barred Miss Lucy from the campus. This is craven surrender or, worse, collusion with the Kluxers. It is not Autherine Lucy but the wretched band of lawbreakers who should have been barred from Alabama University."

"And where is President Eisenhower amidst this violation of law? Silent, upon a farm in Gettysburg? And where are Attorney General Brownell and G-Man Hoover? Blind, as usual, to Dixiecrat defiance of the law?

"We are confident that a great outcry from the people will be heard in the White House, demanding federal action to carry out the law in Alabama."²⁷

Party members stated that the Communist Party would utilize every possible facility to create a national incident in connection with this matter.

On February 9, 1956, Miss Lucy filed a petition with a U.S. District Court in Alabama, asking the court to issue an order to show why the University board should not be held in contempt. She alleged that the suspension was not done for her personal safety but to appease others. On February 29, 1956, the District Court ruled that University officials were not in contempt of court; that the officials had acted in good faith in their attempts to protect Miss Lucy; and that her suspension from the University